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TO: [REDACTED] INFO DIRECTOR, [REDACTED]

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THIS IS FROM [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. ANALYSIS OF GIANT SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY FLOWN DURING [REDACTED] REVEALS A NEW EAST-WEST ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS MR-1 IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW ROAD EXTENDS FROM ROUTE 165/966 IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] IN LAOS TO THE PRESENT LIMIT OF USABLE PHOTOGRAPHY AT [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 24 STATUTE MILES WEST OF QUANG NGAI, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ROAD IS PRESENTLY ABOUT 70 STATUTE MILES IN LENGTH, INCLUDING THE SEGMENTS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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2. THE WESTERN HALF OF THIS ROAD HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR SOME TIME SINCE VEHICLE TRACKS CAN BE SEEN IN SOME PLACES ALONG THIS PORTION OF THE ROAD AS FAR EAST AS [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 33 MILES EAST OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. CURRENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ALONG THE EASTERN HALF OF THE NEW ROAD CONSISTS OF INTERMITTENT SEGMENTS OF VEGETATION CLEARING, INITIAL ROADBED EXCAVATION AND CLEARED SURVEY TRACES. THERE ARE SOME GAPS IN THE CONSTRUCTION. GIANT SCALE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OVER THE EASTERN HALF OF THE AREA OF NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION REVEALED ONLY ONE MINOR SEGMENT OF THE ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME.

3. THE NEW ROAD BRANCHES INTO TWO ROADS APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES WEST OF QUANG NGAI; HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL JUNCTION OF THE TWO BRANCHES IS NOT EVIDENT AT THIS TIME. ONE BRANCH EXTENDS EAST TO THE LIMIT OF OBSERVATION AT [REDACTED] 24 MILES WNW OF QUANG NGAI. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE OTHER BRANCH IS VISIBLE BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND THE PRESENT LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION AT [REDACTED] 25 MILES WSW OF QUANG NGAI.

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4. THE UTM COORDINATES OF THE NEW ROAD EXTENDING FROM ROUTE 966 IN LAOS ARE LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING COLUMNS: (NOTE, TRACE DESIGNATES APPARENT SURVEY TRACES. GAP DENOTES A GAP IN CONSTRUCTION.)

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5. THE BRANCH OF NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION THAT EXTENDS SOUTHEAST IS ALIGNED ALONG THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

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PHOTO REFERENCES:

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MAP REFERENCES:

AMS SERIES L607, SHEETS 6539, 6639

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